



Newsletter – June 2016

Welcome to the 2016 season and the first newsletter.

**This Newsletter is dedicated to Cliff Mansfield who sadly passed away recently.
Our thoughts are with Janet at this difficult time**

Following a bitterly cold start to the season the sun is now shining and the courts hosting a great match between Bakewell and Leicester

(Final Score 10 – 2 to Bakewell at home against Leicester last Sunday – well done!)

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC)

We continue to wrangle with DDDC (our Landlord) over issues with our facility at Bakewell. We have a number of house keeping and groundwork matters to resolve and have concerns over the level of fees we pay to DDDC for diminishing support from them. Your club committee will maintain a firm stance to ensure we attain best value from our use of the pavilion and grounds at Bakewell rec.

Committee

Following the AGM your club committee currently comprises -:

Position	Name	Specific Responsibilities (but not limited to)
Chairman	Bill Robinson	Match Liaison Association Croquet
Vice Chairman	To be filled	
Secretary	Ann Riley	Club meetings Correspondence
Treasurer	Allen Flatman	Club finances
	Peter Blackburn	Winter Croquet Coaching
	Ruth Barnes	Press Officer (inc. web) Catering liaison
	Louis McMeeken	Membership Event calendar
	Tim Spray	Grounds man

The club comprises 38 members many of whom undertake an array of tasks to ensure we can all enjoy our sport -:

- Team Captains – A, B and Friendlies organise these events
- Coaches – keep us right.
- Event reporter – ensures that we appear regularly in press articles
- Webmaster to ensure our IT is up to speed.
- Support to catering ensure we are fed and watered as required
- Support to mowing ensures we have good playing surfaces
- Tournament/League/event organisers keep our club competitive both at home and on events away
- Social activities take place throughout the season with winter walks also arranged

If you involved in any of the above (or other roles) please report back through the committee and we can record all the great stuff we do for the membership.

Thank-you, ALL, for this huge effort.

If you wish to support any of the functions please contact the relevant committee member or Chairman/Secretary directly.

NOTE

Would all those on the mowing rota please be aware that we should not be mowing closer than 5 days from any Cricket Fixture. If in doubt check 'Parks Bulletin' on display at pavilion

We will mow one mower width around the outside of the marked lawn area but all turning thereafter should be within that outer cut encircling the lawn. Please try to avoid a cut of the blue line.

Advice on operation of new mower and further details/concerns please contact Tim Spray.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A 'risk assessment' is to be placed at the pavilion for note and an accident report book is placed with the first aid kit.

New Members

Michael Poole may join us for a session or two next week in consideration of joining the club.

Bob and Kathleen Dennis has recently joined

I am sure we will make all newcomers welcome and enjoy these new friendships.

Calendar of events for the season (as at 15th May 2016) :-

Key Dates :-

May 21-24	Ripon
May 27	B Team vs Leicester B home
May 28	Club Tournament
June 5	National Croquet Day
June 24	Friendly vs Sheffield away
July 6	Golding House session
July 9	Oaksedge BBQ
June 15	B Team vs Nth Hykeham away
July 4	Committee Meeting
July 6	B Team vs Branston home
July 10	Friendly vs Southwell away
July 15	Rotary event at Ashford
July 15	B Team vs Torksey away
July 29	B Team vs Long Eaton away
August 2	Friendly vs Darley Dale away
August 3	Lincolnshire Handicap
August 20	Club tournament
September 3	Social at Tim and Ann Spray's
September 26	Committee Meeting
October	2 nd Ripon event
2017	
March 8	AGM
March 14	Annual dinner

'A team' dates to confirm – please watch the calendar – also available on the web page.

Support always welcome for Matches – Good luck all teams.

Club times :-


Monday 2pm – 4pm

Thursday 2pm – 9pm (from 6pm Association Croquet reserved one lawn)

Saturday 10am - Noon

National Croquet Day - 5th June 2016.

The invitation for the general public to learn about our sport and enjoy participation is reproduced below.



NATIONAL CROQUET DAY
SUNDAY - 5TH JUNE 2016
BAKEWELL RECREATION GROUND
10.00AM TO 4.00PM

Your invitation to learn about the engaging game of croquet
and

PLAY THE GAME

Equipment provided


Come and enjoy a rewarding time learning the skills of this intriguing game of
‘tactic and devilment’

Bring flat sensible shoes and warm clothing for a cold day
(subject to dry conditions)

REFRESHMENT AVAILABLE

We look forward to seeing you
Options for competitive challenge!

The Croquet Experience
www.croquet.org.uk/ncd



www.bakewellcroquet.org.uk

Advertising for this National drive is starting in May and posters will be appearing around Bakewell.

Any support from member to assist on the day will be welcome.

The Croquet Association

Bakewell is a member of the Croquet Association (CA) and pays a sub to them.

The CA is the National Governing Body for our sport.

Benefits of membership -:

- There is a CA shop
- Magazine
- Insurance
- CA offer grants and loans
- CA offer sponsorships
- CA offer awards
- CA run the handicapping system
- CA organise National Matches/Open events
- CA offer coaching

We receive the magazine and will try to ensure that a recent copy is available at the pavilion.

Anybody wishing to enter a National Open competition will see the options in the CA fixtures book held by the committee.

Those wishing to consider coaching tuition or being coached please ask the committee for advice as required.

If you learn of any activity or event that may of interest please let the our secretary know and she will circulate the membership.

See
www.croquet.org.uk

The Federation of East Midlands Croquet Clubs (FEMCC)

The FEMCC under the auspices of the CA organise the leagues within the region of -: Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northants, Notts and Rutland.

To enter leagues clubs have to be affiliated to the CA.

There are three leagues for Golf Croquet (Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3)

The Bakewell A and B teams take part in these Leagues relevant to them and pay the fees necessary to the FEMCC.

There are also 2 Association Leagues (26 and 14 pt). Bakewell hosted the 14pt league match last year.

See www.eastmidlandscroquet.org.uk

HAVE A GREAT SEASON

www.bakewellcroquet.org.uk